Mr. K. George: I cannot give the date. In more than 200 cases the encroachers have been evicted.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether steps are now being taken to register lands encroached after 1096, in the names of the encroachers?

Mr. K. George: Yes, if the encroachments are still in existence.

Mr. K P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I ask whether, by the G O. of 1096, it was not made clear that encroachers will not be entitled to get the lands registered in their names? If so, may I know what made the Government take steps now to register the lands in the names of the encroachers?

Mr K. George: There are several reasons. I believe, Sir, that question comes up specifically in another interpellation.

President: Yes. Honourable members will please hold the question a minute more.

Irrigation works undertoken in Kuttanad in 1934.

41. ❋ **Mr K. N Kesavan Namputiripad**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of places in Kuttanad visited by the Irrigation Engineer in the year 1934;

(*b*) the names of such places;

(*c*) the schemes undertaken by him in such places;

(*d*) the progress made in such schemes;

(*e*) the total amount of the estimates for such schemes; and

(*f*) the expenditure hitherto incurred on them?

Mr. G B. E. Truscott: (*a*) to (*c*) A statement is laid on the table.

(*f*) None.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Irrigation Engineer has any definite scheme to be carried out in the Kuttanad area?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes.

Mr M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: What is it?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The member will find the information in the statement laid on the table in answer to parts (*a*) to (*e*) of the question.

Particulars re the Shencotta—Quilon railway.

42. ❋ **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have borrowed any amount for the construction of the Shencotta-Quilon Railway, and, if so, what the amount is;

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(*b*) whether they have to pay back the amount ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, whether the railway belongs to the State ;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, whether the Government are entitled to the profits from the railway and bound to compensate the loss of the company ;

(*e*) whether the Government are prepared to place before the Council the terms of the contract between the State and the South Indian Railway Company ;

(*f*) whether the Government can, under the contract, insist that a particular number of Travancoreans should be employed in the railway service ;

(*g*) whether the Government are bound to pay for the value of the rolling stock ;

(*h*) whether the Government have got a right to check the accounts of the S. I. R. Company regarding the Shencotta—Quilon section ; and

(*i*) what is the function of a representative of the State in the Railway Advisory Board ?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar : (*a*) and (*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to (*a*) and (*b*).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Government have not entered into any agreement with the South Indian Railway Company.

(*f*), (*g*) and (*h*). No.

(*i*) Tendering advice to the Railway Company in regard to rates, fares and facilities.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : With referrence to part (*f*), may I know whether any Travancorean is at present employed in the Railway service ?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar : Government have no information.

Mr. K. P Nilakanta Pillai : May I know whether he is aware of the opinion definitely expressed in this House and elsewhere that steps ought to be taken to have a better checking of the accounts submitted by the S. I. R. Co ?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar : Yes.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know what steps have been taken by the Travancore Government for safeguarding the monetary interest of our railway ?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar : The Travancore Government cannot interefere in such matters.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know whether interference is closed for ever against Travancore even in respect of railways within the State ?

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Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar: Under the present agreement, Government cannot interfere in the internal administration of the railway by the Company.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether there is any scope for control over the income from railways?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar: What control, Sir?

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: It is stated that under the agreement we are not in a position to interfere with the accounts submitted by the company. My question is whether there is any scope for us to have control over the railway?

President: He asks whether the Government are contemplating any change in the agreement.

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar: The present agreement will be in force till 1945. Nothing can be done before its expiry.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether it is the agreement of 1901 that is in force even now?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar: Yes, together with a supplemental agreement.

Registry of lands bordering the Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road.

43. * **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the lands bordering the Neriamangalam—Pallivasal road have been made available for registry to private individuals, and if not, the reason for the same;

(*b*) if the registry of lands has been sanctioned, whether the lands are to be sold in public auction; and

(*c*) whether Government are aware that there are now many unauthorised occupations of these lands?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) The lands bordering the Neriamangalam—Pallivasal road within the jurisdiction of the Kottayam Division and known as Mannan Kandom have been surveyed into 4 blocks covering an area of 2776·86 acres. This area is available for registry. The lands bordering the said road within the Devicolam Division have not yet become available for registry as they have not yet been surveyed.

(*b*) Of the above 2776·86 acres in the Kottayam Division an extent of 300 acres of wet land has been auctioned and the auction sale confirmed.

(*c*) There are some unauthorised occupations of these lands within the Devicolam Division. They are in the majority of cases made by Muduvans and steps are in progress for the registry of the

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